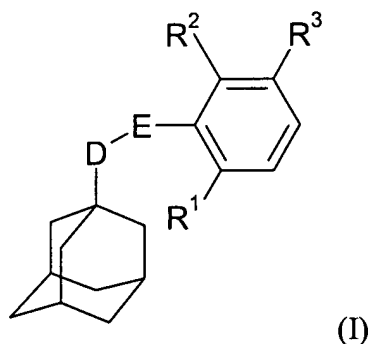


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (previously presented): A compound of general formula



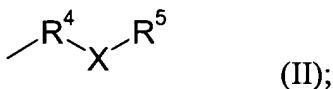
wherein

D represents CH<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>;

E represents C(O)NH or NHC(O);

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each independently represent hydrogen, halogen, amino, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or trifluoromethyl, but R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may not both simultaneously represent hydrogen;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a group of formula



R<sup>4</sup> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group;

X represents a group NR<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen; and

R<sup>13</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkylmethyl, or R<sup>13</sup> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from hydroxyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy;

with the proviso that when E is C(O)NH, X is not NH or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein D represents CH<sub>2</sub>.

Claim 3 (**previously presented**): A compound according to claim 1, wherein E represents NHC(O).

Claim 4 (**previously presented**): A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen, chlorine or bromine atom, or an amino, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl or trifluoromethyl group.

Claim 5 (**cancelled**).

Claim 6 (**previously presented**): A compound according to claim 1, wherein X represents a group NR<sup>13</sup> in which R<sup>13</sup> represents hydrogen, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OH, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or cyclohexylmethyl.

Claims 7-9 (**cancelled**).

Claim 10 (**previously presented**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is selected from:

2-Chloro-5-[(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropylamino)methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[(5-hydroxypentylamino)methyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-(methylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(4-hydroxybutyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, acetate salt,

(S)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

(R)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

(R)-2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)-1-methylethyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-methoxypropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, hydrochloride salt,

5-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclohexylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopentylamino)propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-5-[3-[(1,2,2-trimethylpropyl)amino]propyl]-benzamide,

5-[3-(Butylamino)propyl]-2-chloro-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropyl]amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

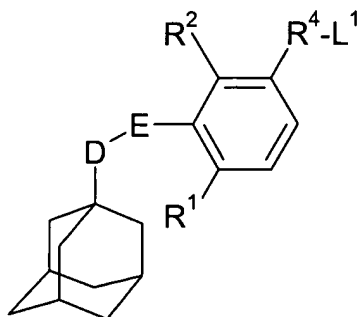
2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide,

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide, and

2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-N-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

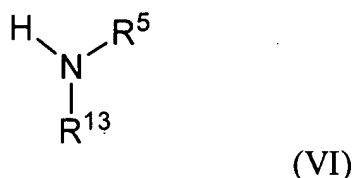
Claim 11 (**withdrawn**): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 which comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of general formula



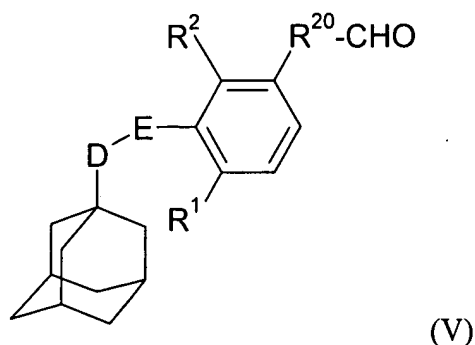
(III)

wherein  $L^1$  represents a leaving group and D, E,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of general formula



wherein  $R^5$  and  $R^{13}$  are as defined in formula (I), optionally in the presence of a suitable silver salt; or

(b) reacting a compound of general formula



wherein  $R^{20}$  represents a bond or  $C_1$ - $C_5$  alkyl group and D, E,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as defined in formula (I), with a compound of general formula (VI) as defined in (a) above, in the presence of a reducing agent;

and optionally after (a) or (b) converting the compound of formula (I) obtained to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 12 (previously presented):** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

Claim 13 (**withdrawn**): A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 12 which comprises mixing a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

Claims 14-19 (**cancelled**).

Claim 20 (**withdrawn**): A method of effecting immunosuppression which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 21 (**withdrawn**): A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 22 (**withdrawn**): A method of treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1-4, 6 and 10 to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 23 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 24 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 25 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-(methylamino)propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 26 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-[(1-methylethyl)amino]propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 27 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-[(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)amino]propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 28 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 5-(2-Aminoethyl)-2-chloro-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)benzamide.

Claim 29 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclohexylamino)propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 30 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 31 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-(cyclopentylamino)propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.

Claim 32 (**new**): A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 which is: 2-Chloro-5-[3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]propyl]-*N*-(tricyclo[3.3.1.1<sup>3,7</sup>]dec-1-ylmethyl)-benzamide.